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1. HIGHLIGHTS. CHIEFLY DOMESTIC NEWS FEATURED IN RECENT
PAPERS; FRIDAY HAD WILSON AT WHITE HOUSE; SATURDAY PAPERS
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SAID SOVIET REPORTED ASKING FOR FISHING PORT IN PORTUGAL;

BALTSUN FRONTPAGE US HALTS MISSILE WORK AS GENEVA TALKS BEGIN. SUNDAY PAPERS REPORTED KISSINGER FAILED TO DELAY TURKISH AID CUT-OFF; BALTSUN FRONTPAGE PHOTO OF RESUMING SALT DELEGATES AT CONFERENCE TABLE. TODAY'S PAPERS FRONT-PAGE FIGHTING IN ERITREA. SOME COMMENT ON SALT.

1A. FRIDAY WASHPOST INSIDE HAD SQUIB ON ARMS TALKS, ALSO ADVERTISEMENT BY AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON US-SOVIET RELATIONS. SATURDAY PAPERS REPORTED US GROUP IN MOSCOW HOLDING NEW TALKS ON TRADE. SUNDAY NYTIMES REPORTED PORTUGAL DENIES SOVIETS ASK PORT; BALTSUN HAD SOVIET REPORTED RENEG-ING ON LEND-LEASE DEBT; ALSO US SOVIET DELEGATES SPEAK AT BELGRADE; WASHPOST REPORTED SWEDE ASKS SOVIET DE-NUCLEARIZATION. MONDAY NYTIMES HAS MUNICH STORY, NATO TOLD US PLANS TO UPGRADE TROOPS.

2. SALT & MBFR. FRIDAY WASHPOST WORLD ROUNDUP INCLUDED GENEVA ITEM HEADED ARMS TALKS, REPORTING US AND SOVIET UNION WERE RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS TO LIMIT THEIR NUCLEAR ARSENALS, ADDING TASK IS TO WORK OUT TECHNICAL DETAILS OF VLADIVOSTOK LIMITS. ITEM ADDS THAT IN VIENNA 19-NATION CONFERENCE ON MUTUAL MILITARY FORCE REDUCTIONS RESUMED AFTER SEVEN-WEEK RECESS.

3. SALT. FRIDAY WASHSTAR HAD LOCAL SCRIPPS-HOWARD ITEM REPORTING US THIS WEEK ABRUPTLY HALTED MIRVING ON EVE OF GENEVA MEETING, POSSIBLY AS PART OF AN EFFORT TO NEGOTIATE LOWER MISSILE LIMITS THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT LIKELY, STORY ADDING DEFENSE SPOKESMEN INSISTED MALMSTROM CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN HALTED ONLY TEMPORARILY.

3A. SATURDAY WASHPOST GETLER SAID MIRV HALT WAS RELATED TO COMPLEX PROBLEM OF VERIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH A PROPOSED NEW US-RUSSIAN ARMS AGREEMENT. GETLER REPORTED AIR FORCE FORCE DECLINED TO OFFER ANY EXPLANATION BUT SENIOR MILITARY SOURCES CONFIRMED THAT THE DECISION NOT TO INSTALL MIRVS RIGHT NOW WAS RELATED TO UNSETTLED QUESTIONS THAT MUST BE WORKED OUT AT GENEVA SALT. ACCORDING GETLER, US WANTS IT TO BE AGREED UPON THAT ANY MISSILE THAT IS FLIGHT-TESTED BY EITHER SIDE WITH MULTIPLE WAR-UNCLASSIFIED

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HEADS WILL BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING THEM ABOARD WHEN IT IS DEPLOYED IN ITS UNDERGROUND SILO, ALSO US HAS BEEN PRESS-ING RUSSIANS TO AGREE THAT ALL MISSILES AT SPECIFIC LOC-ATIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS MIRVED. MALMSTROM HAS 150 MORE SINGLE-HEADED MISSILES AND IF IT WERE TO GO AHEAD TO MIRV FINAL 50 THERE, RUSSIANS MIGHT THEN INSIST ON COUNT-ING ALL 200 MALMSTROM MISSILES AS MIRVS. US HAS LIMITED ALTERNATIVES, SAYS GETLER.

3B. BALTSUN CORDDRY SOMEWHAT SIMILAR, CORDDRY CONCLUDING:
SINCE SOVIET UNION WOULDN'T ALLOW ON-SITE INSPECTION, THE
POSITION HAS BEEN TAKEN THAT ANY MISSILE IT INSTALLS WHICH
IS CAPABLE OF CARRYING MULTIPLE WARHEADS WILL BE ASSUMED
TO HAVE THEM AND WILL BE COUNTED AGAINST ITS 1320 CEILING.

3C. BALTSUN FRONT-PAGE PHOTO CAPTION IDENTIFIED JOHNSON
AND SEMONOV, ADDED THAT DELEGATES MET AT SOVIET MISSION
FOR 80 MINUTES FRIDAY TO SET THE NEGOTIATING SCHEDULE.
ON PAGE FOUR SUN HAD GENEVA AP REPORTING OPENING OF TOP-
LEVEL DISCUSSIONS ON TERMS OF A NEW TREATY TO LIMIT
OFFENSIVE WEAPONS. AP SAID FRIDAY'S SUBSTANTIVE SESSION
WAS APPARENT COMPROMISE, AS JOHNSON WANTED TO BEGIN
TUESDAY AND SEMONOV WANTED TO GET DOWN TO WORK FRIDAY
AFTERNOON. AP REPORTED TALKS WILL BUILD ON VLADIVOSTOK,
ALSO DECIDE WHAT TYPES OF MISSILES AND BOMBERS WILL BE
INCLUDED UNDER CEILINGS, AND TO CONCLUDE A SECOND SALT

TREATY TO RUN UNTIL 1985 AND IN INTERIM SUPERPOWERS
WOULD CONTINUE WORK ON ADDITIONAL ARMS REDUCTIONS IN A
THIRD ROUND OF TALKS.

4. EAST-WEST. FRIDAY WASHPOST HAD LARGE AD BY AMERICAN
COMMITTEE ON US-SOVIET RELATIONS STRESSING GAINS FROM
DETENTE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF FRIENDLY CULTURAL AND TRADE
RELATIONS IN MAINTAINING PEACE. AMONG 50 OR SO SIGNERS
ARE GEORGE KENNAN, PEPSI'S KENDALL, JOHN KENNETH
GALBRAITH, JEROME WIESNER, FRED WARNER NEAL, HARRISON
BROWN, PROF. KISTIAKOWSKY, RAYMOND THURSTON, JAMES
WADSWORTH, HERBERT YORK.

4A. SUNDAY BALSUN HAD MOSCOW AP SAYING SOVIET POLITICAL
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COMMENTATOR YUIR ZHUKOV SAID KREMLIN WILL NOT PAY OFF ITS
722 MILLION DOLLAR LEND-LEASE DEBT TO US AS A RESULT OF
CANCELLATION OF TRADE AGREEMENT, BUT REAFFIRMED BREZHNEV
STILL PLANS TO VISIT US THIS YEAR.

4B. SUNDAY BALTSUN BELGRADE AP REPORTED REP. MCCLORY
ADDRESSING PARLIAMENTARY UNION SAID LONG-TERM IMPROVEMENT
IN EAST-WEST RELATIONS DEPENDS ON REMOVING BARRIERS TO A
FREE FLOW OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS ACROSS FRONTIERS, ALSO ON A
COMMITMENT TO A EUROPE THRIVING CULTURALLY, INTELLECTUALLY
AND TECHNOLOGICALLY, NOT JUST IN INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS. SOVIET DELEGATE KUDRIAVTSEV STRESSED THE
SIGNIFICANCE OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, SAID AP, BUT ADDED
ANY ATTEMPT TO CONDUCT TRADE FROM A POSITION OF DIS-
CRIMINATION WOULD PROVE EVENTUALLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, ALSO

SAYING RADIO LIBERTY AND RADIO FREE EUROPE HAVE NOTHING IN COMMON WITH ELEMENTARY NORMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

4C. SUNDAY WASHPOST HAD BELGRADE ITEM FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE REPORTING ERICSON, HEAD OF SWEDISH DELEGATION, SUGGESTED THAT NORTHERN EUROPE, INCLUDING SOVIET UNION, RECOGNIZE THAT DE-NUCLEARIZATION INCLUDE THE NORTHWESTERN PART OF SOVIET UNION.

5. NATO. MONDAY NYTIMES MUNICH AP REPORTED ARMY SECRETARY CALLAWAY SPOKE AT NATO CONFERENCE TODAY SAYING AMERICAN COMBAT STRENGTH IN EUROPE WOULD BE INCREASED DURING 1975 WITH TREND CONTINUING OVER NEXT FEW YEARS WITH GROWING MILITARY STRENGTH SEEN AS SERVING CAUSE OF DETENTE. CALLAWAY SAID COMBAT TROOPS CONSTITUTED 59 PERCENT OF FORCES IN EUROPE IN 1972, 62 PERCENT TODAY, AND WILL BE 71 PERCENT IN 1977. OF WARSAW POWERS, CALLAWAY SAID: IF THEY CLEARLY REALIZE WE ARE PREPARED TO COUNTER THE THREAT OF WAR, THEN WE SHALL NOT HAVE TO LIVE THROUGH THE HORROR OF WAR.

6. COMMENT: FRIDAY BALSUN HAD EDITORIAL SAYING THAT REOPENING OF SALT II TALKS PUTS US-SOVIET DETENTE BACK IN CONTEXT, WITH CRUCIAL FACTOR REMAINING THEIR CAPACITY TO DESTROY EACH OTHER. SUN SAYS SUCCESS UNCLASSIFIED

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IN GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS IS STILL MUCH TO BE DESIRED DESPITE SHORTCOMINGS OF VLADIVOSTOK, ADDING CLEAR SENATE MAJORITY EXISTS TO PASS MATHIAS-KENNEDY-MONDALE RESOLUTION ADVISING ADMINISTRATION TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD ACHIEVING FURTHER MUTUAL ARMS LIMITATIONS.

6A. MONDAY BALSUN YOST COLUMN SAID CONTRADICTIONS IN PROCESS OF ACHIEVING DETENTE CONCERNING CONTROL OF STRATEGIC ARMS HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY RESOLVED BY COMPROMISE WITH HIGH ARMS CEILINGS AGREED TO AT VLADIVOSTOK BEING MORE TO THE SATISFACTION OF GENERALS THAN FOR THE PROTECTION OF POPULATIONS, A SITUATION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN WHICH FAILURE TO MOVE FORWARD MEANS, IN FACT, SLIPPING BACKWARD. YOST SAID CONGRESS WILL PRESUMABLY APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WIT THESE CEILINGS ONLY IF ASSURED THAT THIS IS ONLY A PRELIMINARY STEP. KISSINGER

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